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SUBJECT: DRAFT WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON US-TURKISH DCA AND RELATED
ISSUES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED LOW-KEY ANNOUNCEMENT TO
BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY HAVE
AGREED THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SIGNED ON MARCH 25,
1976 BUT NEVER APPROVED BY EITHER THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OR THE
TURKISH PARLIAMENT, WILL BE RENEGOTIATED. NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW AND
MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY DEFENSE COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES WILL COMMENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN ORDER FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH
TURKEY, AND THE NATO DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN,

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PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ASK THE CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION TO REPEAL
SECTION 620 (X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH IMPOSES
RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY TRANSFERS TO TURKEY. IN ADDITION THE
PRESIDENT IS REQUESTING THE CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE \$175 MILLION IN
FMS CREDITS TO TURKEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979, THE SAME AMOUNT
PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS FOR FY 1978. BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS
ECONOMIC SITUATION NOW FACING TURKEY, THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO ASKING

THE CONGRESS TO APPROVE A \$50 MILLION SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE
LOAN FOR TURKEY FOR FY 1979.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM FOR TURKEY WILL BE MORE FULLY
DESCRIBED IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEK
IN APRIL.

IN: CONNECTION WITH THOSE HEARINGS, THE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO
ASK CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE \$140 MILLION IN PMS CREDITS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 1979 FOR GREECE, THE SAME AMOUNT PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS FOR
FY 1978. END TEXT.

2. IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO BRIEF THE GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS PRIOR TO
RELEASE. FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS (LEADERSHIP, SENIOR
MEMBERS OF SFRC AND HIRC) MAY ALSO BE PRUDENT. PERHAPS THE RELEASE
DATE WILL HAVE TO SLIP A LITTLE. BUT ANY MAJOR SLIPPAGE WOULD NOT
ALLOW TIME FOR ECEVIT (OR DENTASH) TO RELEASE CYPRUS PLANS A FEW
DAYS PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AS HE WISHES TO DO. GDS.
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